Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In Madras and Bombay, they keep separate departments for collecting statistics.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We too may consider the question of creating a Statistical Department, if the hon'ble member thinks that a department should be created.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I do not want to make a separate department, till proper persons come here. Because there is no proper person here, there is no necessity for a separate department. Statistics are not forthcoming.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Even without proper persons statistics should be prepared. Is that the contention ?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Labour Commissioner or any officer can attend to this part of the work ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Our Director of Industries and Commerce is prepared to take up this question and do it, provided Government are prepared to give him additional staff. The point is, Government are just now in very great difficulties to give him the necessary staff. It is not because we are not in sympathy with this. We are in full sympathy. The difficulty is with regard to the staff.

CHITTUR BAZAAR ROAD—WIDENING OF

63. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the width of the Bazaar road in Chittur;

(*b*) are Government aware that the said road is a narrow but very busy thoroughfare;

(*c*) are Government aware that the road passes right through the heart of the town and has shops and houses on both sides;

(*d*) are Government aware that the road is always congested with all kinds of vehicular traffic including motor bus traffic;

(*e*) is it not desirable in the interests of the public health of the town to stop the dust nuisance caused by the present condition of the road;

(*f*) was there not a proposal from the Chittur Municipality to shell-crete the Bazaar road;

(*g*) was the proposal rejected; if so, why?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 25 ft. between side drains.

(*b*) The road is not quite narrow. It is a fairly busy thoroughfare.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) There is vehicular traffic in the road.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The proposal was dropped for the present as the Municipality was not able to take up the work without any contribution from Government.

GOVERNMENT TRAINING INSTITUTION—NUMBER OF PUPIL TEACHERS

64. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of pupil teachers (with stipends) attending the Government Training Institution;

(*b*) the number of private candidates who attend the Institution, in this academic year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 60.

(*b*) 108. (67 paying and 41 free).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* From the answer it is seen that private candidates are more in number than actually selected by the department. Was this the case in previous years?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There was a time when no private candidates were taken. Gradually because of the number of teachers who were not trained and because of the difficulty of finding more accommodation and funds to pay them stipend Government allowed such of them as are willing to go for private training to have their seat. So, on the whole there has been a gradual increase in private candidates.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether it is not in the fitness of things to give preference to trained hands when making appointments in the aided schools as well as to the Government service by the Staff Selection Board?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a matter of opinion and other things being equal, I think, I entirely agree with the Hon'ble Member.

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